

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS OF SEPTEMBER 23RD, 1937.

The Board of Public Works met in the office of the Governor, Annapolis, Maryland, on Thursday, September 23rd, 1937.

Present:

Harry W. Nice, Governor.
Wm. S. Gordy, Jr., Comptroller.

Mr. Wm. H. Blakeman, State Budget Director, also attended the meeting.

The Board took up for consideration the letter addressed to it by the Attorney General, under date of September 15th, 1937, in reply to the letter which the Secretary of the Board addressed to the Attorney General, under date of September 11th, relative to certain matters arising out of the building program authorized by Chapter 487 of the Acts of 1937, known as the General Bond Issue of 1937.

After discussing the matter at length it was agreed that the State would accept a deed from Morgan College to the land on which will be erected the building or buildings for which an appropriation of \$100,000 is included in the General Bond Issue of 1937 to the Trustees of Morgan College, and in connection with which an application has been filed with the Public Works Administration for a Grant of Federal Funds.

The Board further decided to accept Grants from the Public Works Administration for Federal Funds in connection with applications filed for such funds by State Institutions and Morgan College, and for which the Public Works Administration has given its approval as follows -

Rosewood State Training School - - -	\$162,000.00
Eastern Shore State Hospital - - - -	81,000.00
Crownsville State Hospital - - - - -	56,098.00
Springfield State Hospital - - - - -	155,453.00
Spring Grove State Hospital - - - - -	20,250.00
Montrose School for Girls - - - - -	28,636.00
Bowie State Normal School - - - - -	132,545.00
Morgan College - - - - -	<u>102,015.00</u>
Total	\$737,997.00

The Secretary called the Board's attention to the fact that the Public Works Administration desires a definite statement from the State as to the availability of funds, so that there will be no delay in proceeding with the construction projects authorized by the General Bond Issue of 1937, and in connection with which the Federal Grants enumerated above are to be made. The Board authorized the Comptroller to get in touch with the Acting Administrator for the Public Works Administration, Mr. Melvin Scheidt, to see what arrangements could be made for an advance of funds from the Federal Government on its allotments, so that these funds, with any State funds which may be available at the time from the sale of bonds of the August 15th, 1937 installment of the Loan, may be used in taking care of the State's commitments under contracts which will be made for the work.

The following letter from Howard H. Murphy, Secretary to the Board of Managers of the Maryland Training School for Colored Girls, was read and considered -

Barrett School

Board of Public Works,
Annapolis, Md.

Attention: Mr. Joseph McCusker.

Gentlemen:-

The Board of Managers of the Maryland Training School has selected Mr. Albert I. Cassell as architect for the new building. In addition, he has drawn up plans for renovating the two top floors of the buildings of the school.

In going over the plans, the Board felt something should be done about the leaky roofs. We realize that the \$9,000 was specifically appropriated for the renovating of these two floors. However, we feel that it would not be good business to renovate these buildings and not do anything about the leaky roofs. We are writing, therefore, to inquire as to whether or not it would be possible to divert part of this \$9,000 for the renovating of these roofs.

The architect stated that it might be possible to repair the roofs and renovate the two attic floors within this sum. However, we want to be on the safe side and are writing you for an opinion.

Kindly give this matter your earliest attention as we would like to get this work started in the very near future.

Very truly yours,

/s/Howard H. Murphy,
Secretary of the Board.

HHM/m

The Board approved the request contained in the foregoing letter, with the understanding that the cost of repairing the roofs would be paid out of the allowance of \$9,000.00 appropriated for renovating the two top floors of the buildings of the School.

The following letter dated September 15th, from Mr. F. W. Besley, State Forester, was read and considered-

STATE DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY

September 15, 1937.

Board of Public Works,
Annapolis, Maryland.

Gentlemen:-

Approval is requested for authority to purchase at assignees sale, to be held on Tuesday, September 21, 2:00 P. M., Court-House, Snow Hill, Maryland, a tract of approximately 1,100 acres of woodland at a price not to exceed \$6. per acre. This tract lies adjacent to the present Pocomoke State Forest, fronting about one mile on the Snow Hill - Pocomoke state road, extending back to the Pocomoke River.

On this tract is a mixed stand of pine and hardwoods, similar in character to the land that we purchased for the Pocomoke State Forest a few years ago at a price of \$6.40 per acre, from which we have sold enough cordwood in the nature of thinnings and improvement cuttings to pay about half the original cost of the tract and leave the forest in an improved condition.

There is no certainty that we can purchase the land for the maximum price named above, but we would not feel justified in going higher than this.

I regret that more advanced notice could not be given, but the sale has just come to my attention. We have been trying to purchase this tract for the past three years without success. This appears to be an opportunity that we cannot afford to pass up, and therefore immediate action is necessary.

Very truly yours,

/s/ F. W. Besley,
State Forester.

FWB/w

The Board confirmed the verbal approval previously given to Mr. Besley to proceed with the purchase of the land as outlined in the foregoing letter.

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board the following resolution adopted by the Maryland Classified Employees Association, Inc., at a meeting held September 14th, 1937 -

Resolution adopted by the Executive Committee
at meeting held September 14, 1937.

WHEREAS The General Assembly of Maryland, at its 1937 Session, passed an Act restoring all salaries of State Employees to their level of 1933; and

WHEREAS it has come to our attention that the executive heads of some State Departments are planning to deprive certain employees, in their respective Departments, from receiving the full benefit of the said salary restoration act; and

WHEREAS such contemplated action on the part of Department heads is strictly in contravention of the specific intent of the General Assembly;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, That, this Association urge the Board of Public Works to insist, and take all necessary steps in connection therewith, to see to it that the said salary restoration act be not violated in any manner, but that said act shall be carried out strictly and fully as intended and enacted by the General Assembly.

The Secretary was instructed to advise the Maryland Classified Employees Association, Inc., that the Board has no information of any intention of any State Agency to make reductions in the amounts allotted out of the Restoration Fund to restore salaries of employees. The Board stated that any member of the Classified Service has a right to appeal to the Board of Public Works and that the Association may rest assured that all appeals will be given every consideration.

The following letter, dated September 16th, 1937, from Doctor H. E. Tabler, Chairman, State Roads Commission, was read and considered -

STATE ROADS COMMISSION

September 16, 1937.

To the Honorable Members of
The Board of Public Works,
Baltimore, Md.

Sirs:-

The State Roads Commission of Maryland is preparing to do the work necessary

for the Relocation of Jennings Run, Highway Fill Replacement and Masonry Construction for flood protection along Jennings Run between Cumberland and Mount Savage, near Barrellsville, in Allegany County, under its Project A-198-1-627.

Relying on Engineers' estimate, the total amount to be provided by the State of Maryland is \$9,283.75, and the Commission respectfully requests that an allocation of funds in this amount be reserved from the Flood Relief - 1936 Fund, for this purpose.

In substantiation of the Commission's request for the allotment of these funds, there is presented herewith data prepared by the Bridge Department concerning the proposed reconstruction of this masonry work, together with a tabulation of bids showing the amount of the bid submitted by the contractor.

Please advise the Commission of your action respecting this request at the earliest possible date, so that vouchers for costs incurred may be properly honored by the Comptroller and charged to the appropriate account when submitted to his office.

Very truly yours,

/s/ H. E. Tabler,
Chairman.

HET:LBM

The Board approved the request contained in the foregoing letter.

The following letter from Doctor Albert S. Cook, State Superintendent of Schools, dated September 8th, 1937, was read and considered -

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

September 8, 1937.

Honorable William S. Gordy,
State Comptroller,
Annapolis, Maryland.

My dear Mr. Gordy:

Plans and specifications for additions to the sewage disposal plant of the State Normal School at Bowie were made several years ago by Mr. Huldreich Egli, Engineer, and approved by the State Department of Health, but sufficient funds were not in hand at any time during the past five or six years to take care of this very necessary improvement. The State Board of Education awarded the contract, after competitive bidding, to Charles J. Spielman Company, 2210 Russell Street, Baltimore, whose bid was \$6,300. Since I was not in touch with the newspapers from August 6 to 20, I do not know whether any bonds for construction at the Bowie State Normal School were sold. The work has progressed so that at the present time I have certificates approved by the Engineer to Charles J. Spielman Company for work to the extent of \$4,000 on the \$6,300 contract.

I am writing to you to find out whether funds will be available to take care of this out of the bonds sold for Bowie, since this is one of the purposes for which the bonds were specified in the budget.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Albert S. Cook,
State Superintendent of Schools.

ASC/REH

The Board approved the work outlined in the foregoing letter, payment for which is to be made partly from unexpended construction funds to the credit of the Bowie State Normal School and the \$4,200 appropriated to that School for sewerage work in the General Bond Issue of 1937.

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a letter dated September 20th, from Frank C. Robey, Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas, Baltimore, as follows -

CLERK'S OFFICE
COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
BALTIMORE, MD.

20th of September, 1937.

Hon. Wm. S. Gordy, Jr.,
State Comptroller.
Annapolis, Md.

Dear Mr. Gordy:-

During the May sale this year, Counterfeit money to the amount of Ten (\$10.00) Dollars was handed in for payment of licenses. The bank detected the bogus money and they have been reimbursed from our petty cash. We are at present holding receipts from the bank for this amount.

I regret this instance, but with the vast amount of money passing over the counter during the rush period of the sale, I feel that it was almost impossible for the clerks to detect counterfeit money unless it was very obvious.

Therefore, I respectfully request your authority to charge this amount off against the excess fees of the office, before the close of the fiscal year ending September 30th, 1937.

Thanking you for your kind consideration in this matter, I am,

Very truly yours,

/s/ Frank C. Robey,
Clerk.

FCR/B

The Board approved the request from Mr. Robey as outlined in the foregoing letter.

The following letter from Doctor James A. Robertson, Archivist, Hall of Records, September 22nd, 1937, was read and considered -

HALL OF RECORDS

Annapolis,
September 22, 1937.

Mr. Jos. O'C. McCusker,
Secretary Board of Public Works,
Annapolis, Md.

Dear Mr. McCusker,

I understand that salaries of janitors and watchmen are to be brought up to the old level. Of course, the Hall of Records began to operate after the demotion in salaries, and no demotion in salaries occurred

since I have been here. Accordingly, I sent in no memo relative to this matter to the budget committee.

I understand that certain salaries are to be raised from \$72.00 to \$80.00 a month. Will it be possible for the Board of Public Works to increase the salaries of Benjamin B. Brown, Watchman, A. E. Graf, Watchman, and William S. Cox, Janitor, from \$72.00 to \$80.00 per month during the years of 1938 and 1939? Can this be done from the funds of the Board of Public Works?

Very truly yours,

/s/ James A. Robertson,
Archivist.

The Board ruled that since the employees mentioned in Doctor Robertson's letter were new employees, filling new positions created since 1933, it would not be possible to make available to them any money out of the Restoration Fund. The Board agreed that an amendment to the Budget of the Hall of Records, for the fiscal year 1938, to place the employees on the same salary basis as employees doing similar work at other State Buildings in Annapolis, would be in order if it is possible for the Hall of Records to take care of this additional expense through a Budget Amendment.

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a letter dated September 22nd, 1937, from the State Auditor, relative to salaries of employees of the State Auditor's Office, for the fiscal year 1938,

The Board decided this was not a matter for consideration of the Board, and suggested that the letter be referred to Mr. Blakeman, State Budget Director, for investigation and recommendation to the Governor, so that an amendment, if necessary, could be made.

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There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Secretary.

* The Budget Director submitted for approval Budget Amendments for the following:

State Industrial Accident Commission, for the fiscal years 1938 and 1939
Maryland State School for the Deaf, for the fiscal year 1937
Military Department, for the fiscal years 1938 and 1939
Public Schools, for the fiscal years 1938 and 1939
State Teachers' College at Salisbury, for the fiscal years 1938 and 1939
State Teachers' College at Towson, for the fiscal years 1938 and 1939
State Teachers' College at Frostburg, for the fiscal years 1938 and 1939
Conservation Department, for the fiscal years 1938 and 1939
Executive Department, for the fiscal years 1938 and 1939
State Tobacco Warehouse, for the fiscal years 1938 and 1939
State Game Department of Md., for the fiscal years 1938 and 1939
Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, for the fiscal years 1938 and 1939

The foregoing amendments were duly approved.

The following letter dated September 10th, 1937, from the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, was read and considered -

THE PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD
Eastern Region
Broad Street Station
PHILADELPHIA

September 10, 1937.

Mr. Joseph O'C. McCusker, Secretary,
Board of Public Works, State of Maryland,
Union Trust Building, Baltimore, Md.

Dear Sir:-

We hereby make application for approval of revised plan for the double-track bridge over Gunpowder River, in Harford and Baltimore Counties, Md., constructed under permit issued by the War Department March 19, 1912. Copies of the revised plans are enclosed herewith, which provide for changing the movable span to a fixed span, with clearance of 35' between piers and clearance from mean high water to under side of bridge of 12.51'.

This bridge is located on the electrified high-speed line of The Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington Railroad Company, between Philadelphia and Baltimore, over which there is operated daily a total of 89 passenger trains accommodating about 22,000 passengers, and 37 freight trains. The maintenance of a draw span in this bridge will cause inconvenience and delay to these passengers, and will delay the movement of freight trains.

Application has been filed with the War Department, requesting its approval of the revised plan, and a public hearing has been set for September 24th, 1937. Prompt action by the Board of Public Works will be appreciated.

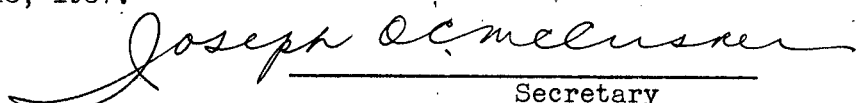
Yours very truly,

/s/ E. B. Temple,

Chief Engineer-
Eastern Region.

The application for approval of revised plan for the double-track bridge over Gunpowder River, in Harford and Baltimore Counties, Md., constructed under permit issued by the War Department March 19th, 1912, was approved.

The Board approved payment to the Charles Carroll of Carrollton Commission of the sum of \$500.00 to cover the expenses of the celebration held in Annapolis, September 18, 1937.


Secretary

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS OF OCTOBER 6TH, 1937.

The Board of Public Works met in the office of the State Treasurer, Annapolis, Maryland, on Wednesday, October 6th, 1937, at twelve o'clock, noon.

Present -

Harry W. Nice, Governor.
Wm. S. Gordy, Jr., Comptroller.
Hooper S. Miles, Treasurer.

The Board proceeded to open proposals for the purchase of \$100,000, Two and Three-Quarters Per Cent, State Office Building Loan of 1937, Issue of June 15th, 1937, in accordance with advertisements appearing in the "Baltimore Sun" and the "Baltimore News-Post" of September 6th, 10th, 13th, 17th, 20th, 24th, and 27th and October 1st, 1937, as follows -

STATE OF MARYLAND
TREASURY DEPARTMENT

\$100,000 TWO AND THREE-QUARTERS PER CENT. STATE
OFFICE BUILDING LOAN OF 1937.

ANNAPOLIS, MD.

Pursuant to Chapter 368 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland, Session of 1937, providing for the issue of the Certificates of Indebtedness herein mentioned and described, and pursuant also to a resolution of the Board of Public Works of Maryland passed on the 4th day of June, 1937, and on file and open to inspection in the office of the said Board in Annapolis, Maryland, the Treasurer of the State of Maryland will receive bids or proposals for Certificates of Indebtedness of the State of Maryland as follows -

\$100,000 TWO AND THREE-QUARTERS PER CENT. CERTIFICATES OF
INDEBTEDNESS KNOWN AS "STATE OFFICE BUILDING LOAN OF 1937"

Said Certificates of Indebtedness will be dated June 15th, 1937. They will bear interest at the rate of two and three-quarters per centum per annum, payable semi-annually on the 15th days of December and June, respectively, in each and every year during the continuance of the loan. The principal of said loan will be payable upon the Serial Annuity Plan, as more fully set forth in said Act of 1937, Chapter 368, as follows:

STATE OFFICE BUILDING LOAN OF 1937

<u>Series</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Redeemable</u>
"A"	\$6,000.00	June 15, 1940
"B"	6,000.00	June 15, 1941
"C"	7,000.00	June 15, 1942
"D"	7,000.00	June 15, 1943
"E"	8,000.00	June 15, 1944
"F"	8,000.00	June 15, 1945
"G"	8,000.00	June 15, 1946
"H"	8,000.00	June 15, 1947
"I"	8,000.00	June 15, 1948
"J"	8,000.00	June 15, 1949
"K"	8,000.00	June 15, 1950
"L"	9,000.00	June 15, 1951
"M"	9,000.00	June 15, 1952

*Amended -
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